Shooting victim dropped at hospital

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OAKLAND — A gunshot victim dumped from a car at Highland Hospital early Wednesday died later from his wounds, police said.

Investigators said they have determined Lavern Russell, 19, had been shot in the 2300 block of East 15th Street near his home.

Homicide Sgt. Dan Mercado said a car pulled up at the emergency entrance to the hospital about 4:35 a.m., the driver yelled a friend had been shot and pushed Russell from the car before speeding off.

Russell died later from multiple gunshot wounds.

Mercado said police determined the actual site of the shooting when a relative of Russell told them where he lived. Mercado said physical evidence found at the site confirmed the shooting occurred there.

Mercado said Russell was last seen alive about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday by relatives in San Francisco. He did not mention to them having any problems with anyone, Mercado said.

Mercado said police have no motives or suspects in the shooting. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 238-3821.

The killing was Oakland's 29th homicide of the year. There were 55 homicides last year at this time, police said.